

**CLAIMS AMENDMENTS:**

1. (Original) A method for fabricating a gate mask for a semiconductor device, wherein a nitride layer of the gate mask for the semiconductor device is deposited at a temperature higher than 750 deg. C so as to release hydrogen from said nitride layer.
2. (Original) The method for fabricating a gate mask for a semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein said temperature is higher than 830 deg. C.
3. (Original) A method for fabricating a gate mask of a semiconductor device, wherein a nitride layer of the gate mask for the semiconductor device is deposited in a gas atmosphere of an ammonia gas and a silane gas, a flow rate of said ammonia gas being at least twenty times a flow rate of the silane gas.
4. (Original) A method for fabricating a gate mask of a semiconductor device, wherein a nitride layer of the gate mask for the semiconductor device is deposited in a gas atmosphere of an ammonia gas and a silane gas, a flow rate of said ammonia gas being from twenty to one hundred times a flow rate of the silane gas.
5. (Currently amended) The method for fabricating a gate mask of a semiconductor device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 through 4, comprising:
  - depositing a tungsten silicide layer on a polysilicon layer or an amorphous silicon layer which is formed on a silicon substrate; and
  - depositing a nitride layer on said tungsten silicide layer with an ammonia gas and a silane gas.
6. (New) The method for fabricating a gate mask of a semiconductor device according to claim 2, comprising:
  - depositing a tungsten silicide layer on a polysilicon layer or an amorphous silicon layer which is formed on a silicon substrate; and
  - depositing a nitride layer on said tungsten silicide layer with an ammonia gas and a silane gas.

7. (New) The method for fabricating a gate mask of a semiconductor device according to claim 3, comprising:  
depositing a tungsten silicide layer on a polysilicon layer or an amorphous silicon layer which is formed on a silicon substrate; and  
depositing a nitride layer on said tungsten silicide layer with an ammonia gas and a silane gas.

8. (New) The method for fabricating a gate mask of a semiconductor device according to claim 4, comprising:  
depositing a tungsten silicide layer on a polysilicon layer or an amorphous silicon layer which is formed on a silicon substrate; and  
depositing a nitride layer on said tungsten silicide layer with an ammonia gas and a silane gas.